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1. SECURITY COUNCIL'S MARCH AGENDA --

CONSENSUS DEVELOPED IN INFORMAL SC CONSULTATIONS THAT THE COUNCIL'S MARCH SCHEDULE WOULD PROCEED AS FOLLOWS: RHODESIAN SANCTIONS -- MARCH 18; "QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA" -- MARCH 21 FOR WEEK TO 10 DAYS, FOLLOWED BY BENIN REPORT. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING THE DATE THE SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE SC.

DURING DISCUSSION OF WHEN TO TAKE UP THE SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST, MAURITIUS NOTED EGYPT AND THE ARAB GROUP WERE NOT IN A HURRY FOR A MEETING AND BELIEVED DEBATE SHOULD BE MODERATE AND BRIEF. PAKISTAN SUGGESTED TWO OR THREE MEETINGS LATER THIS MONTH. LIBYA STATED GA RESOLUTION 31/62 INDICATES THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER ENTIRE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HENCE A BRIEF MEETING IS NOT LIKELY AND PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HOLD DEBATE ON SYG'S REPORT IN APRIL. SYG WALDHEIM POINTED OUT HE WOULD BE IN VIENNA AND PARIS FROM MARCH 31-APRIL 8 OR 9. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 768, 774)
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LATER, EGYPTIANS DELIVERED TO SC PRESIDENT YOUNG LETTER CONFIRMING EGYPTIAN REQUEST TO HOLD SC MEETING ON SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." IN RESPONSE TO QUERY AS TO MEANING OF "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," THEY COMMENTED THERE WAS NO URGENCY AND THAT SPECIFIC DATE COULD BE SET AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AMONG EGYPTIANS, AFRICAN GROUP AND US AS SC PRESIDENT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 771)

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2. COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM --

THE COMMITTEE MET BRIEFLY MARCH 15 AND DECIDED, AT SUGGESTION OF ALGERIA, TO POSTPONE ELECTION OF OFFICERS UNTIL MARCH 16.

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WESTERN EUROPEANS, LATIN AMERICANS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT IRANIAN AMB HOVEYDA FOR CHAIRMANSHIP, BUT ASIANS (SYRIA) AND AFRICANS (ALGERIA) HAVE NOT SO FAR AT LEAST ENDORSED HIS CANDIDACY, AND THUS THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE WORK. URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT IF HOVEYDA IS NOT ENDORSED BY ALL, VENEZUELAN AMB CONSALVI COULD BE PERSUADED TO STAND. SWEDEN DECIDED NOT TO SEEK A VICE CHAIRMANSHIP, BUT US AND UK DELEGATES ASKED THAT STOCKHOLM RECONSIDER. PRELIMINARY VIEW OF WEO GROUP IS THAT WORK SHOULD BEGIN WITH, AND POSSIBLY GO NO FARTHER THAN, GENERAL DEBATE. SWEDES, HOWEVER, THINK THAT WOULD BE NONPRODUCTIVE AND SUGGESTED TWO WORKING GROUPS OF THE WHOLE. ITALY AND AUSTRIA SUGGESTED COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S CONVENTION ON TERRORISM BE CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT FOR COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 776)

3. FINAL DAYS OF CHARTER REVIEW EXERCISE --
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CONFRONTATION IN CLOSING DAYS OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE'S SESSION WAS CAUSED BY RIGIDITY ON BOTH SIDES, BUT MEXICANS AND ALGERIANS WERE WIDELY PERCEIVED AS HAVING FORCED A FIGHT WHEN COMPROMISE SOLUTION WAS OBVIOUSLY AVAILABLE. MODERATES WERE CLEARLY UNHAPPY AT REFUSAL OF HARDLINERS TO NEGOTIATE AND EXCEPTIONALLY BRUTAL AND CRUDE TACTICS EMPLOYED BY LOPEZ BASSOLS (MEXICO), BOUAYAD-AGHA (ALGERIA) AND DE PINIES (SPAIN), BUT WERE UNWILLING TO DESERT MEXICO WHEN MATTER PUSHED TO VOTE. COMMENTS MADE TO USDEL BY PHILIPPINES, PAKISTAN, INDONESIA, VENEZUELA, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, KENYA CLEARLY INDICATED THEY RECOGNIZED WE HAD MADE GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO FIND MIDDLE GROUND AND THAT MEXICO ET AL SEEMED TO SEEK CONFRONTATION FOR ITS OWN SAKE. SOVIETS CONTRIBUTED TO GENERAL BAD HUMOR BY HARSHLY THREATENING TO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE ANY FURTHER IN ENTIRE EXERCISE. FRENCH MORE SUBTLY IMPLIED SIMILAR THREAT. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER RADICALS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THIS INCIDENT TO ALTER COMMITTEE'S MANDATE OR WHETHER BY TIME THE GA ROLLS AROUND MODERATES WILL BE BACK IN CONTROL. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 772)

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4. DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES --

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE (MAIORSKI) TOLD USDEL (HOSENBALL) SOVIETS WANT TO INCORPORATE PRINCIPLE OF PRIOR CONSENT, WHICH THEY CLAIM THEY ACHIEVED AT GENEVA ITU MEETING, INTO LEGAL PROVISIONS IN DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE (DBS) PRINCIPLES. HE, HOWEVER, INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER REFERENCE TO RELEVANT ITU PROVISIONS OR MODIFIED VERSION OF CANADIAN-SWEDISH LICENSING

PROPOSAL. HE WAS TOLD US COULD NOT ACCEPT "PRIOR CONSENT" AND WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE PRINCIPLE REENFORCING US POSITION ON FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION.

FRG DELEGATE, WHO REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN SEEKING EC SUPPORT FOR STAND-PAT POSITION, DISCLOSED HE HAD BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO SOFTEN HARD-LINE GERMAN POSITION ON DBS IN STATEMENT HE WOULD MAKE MARCH 18. EC-9 ARE PLANNING TO MEET THIS WEEK TO REVIEW THEIR POSITION ON DBS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 767, 770)

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5. OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

THE SUBCOMMITTEE BEGAN ITS 16TH SESSION MARCH 14 AND DECIDED TO DEVOTE THE FIRST WEEK TO THE MOON TREATY, THE SECOND TO REMOTE SENSING, AND THE THIRD TO DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES. THE WORKING GROUPS ESTABLISHED AT PREVIOUS SESSIONS TO DEAL WITH THESE THREE ITEMS WERE RE-ESTABLISHED. CHAIRMAN WYZNER (POLAND) MADE AN OPENING STATEMENT AND ALSO INFORMED THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT HE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM COLOMBIA, ECUADOR AND GUYANA ASKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S MEETINGS. HE REMARKED THAT GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS WAS A PREROGATIVE OF THE PARENT OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE STATES BE PERMITTED

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TO ATTEND THE FORMAL MEETINGS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO DIRECT REQUESTS TO THE CHAIRMAN IF THEY WISHED TO MAKE A STATEMENT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

PIRADOV (SOVIET UNION) RECALLED SOVIET STATEMENT THE USSR WAS READY TO PROVIDE THE BENEFITS OF REMOTE SENSING FROM SPACE FOR ALL COUNTRIES, BELIEVED A CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED ON THE MOON TREATY, EXPRESSED HOPE WORK ON PRINCIPLES ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES COULD BE COMPLETED THIS SESSION, AND NOTED THERE WAS STILL NEED FOR AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLE OF PRIOR CONSENT. HE PROPOSED THAT REMOTE SENSING DATA BE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES: ONE WHICH COULD BE DISSEMINATED FREELY TO ALL, AND ONE WHICH COULD BE DISSEMINATED ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE STATES WHOSE TERRITORY WAS INVOLVED.

MARCH 15, CHAIRMAN WYZNER INTRODUCED THE ITEM ON THE MOON TREATY, NOTED WORK LAST SESSION HAD BEEN HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING POSITIONS, AND HOPED THAT FURTHER PROGRESS COULD BE MADE AT THIS SESSION. MRS. GALLOWAY, OBSERVER FOR INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION, INVITED MEMBERS TO ATTEND A MEETING MARCH 28 IN NEW YORK ON THE SUBJECT OF "REMOTE SENSING -- LEGAL AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS," WITH EXPERTS

IN THIS FIELD AS SPEAKERS.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR 1978 WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM --

THE SUBCOMMITTEE BEGAN GENERAL DEBATE MARCH 15, HEARING A STATEMENT BY GRENADA ON REPRESENTATION AT THE 1978 WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM. MISS ILIC (YUGOSLAVIA) WAS ELECTED RAPPORTEUR BY ACCLAMATION. ORTNER (AUSTRIA) REPORTED THAT JANKOWITSCH (AUSTRIA), WHO WAS ELECTED AS ONE OF THE VICE CHAIRMEN MARCH 14, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SERVE BECAUSE OF OTHER DUTIES, AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED TO HIS PROPOSAL THAT THE ELECTION OF THE REMINING VICE CHAIRMAN BE POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE. SANON, SYG REPRESENTATIVE, INTRODUCED A SECRETARIAT WORKING PAPER SUGGESTING POINTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLUSION IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE.

7. CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAPUTO CONFERENCE --

OAU PLEDGED \$5,000 AND TOGO THE EQUIVALENT OF \$800 TOWARD THE COST OF HOLDING IN MAPUTO THE CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR THE CONFERENCE SO FAR TOTAL \$183,450, UN ANNOUNCED.

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